

# Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club WIRELESS




## FRANKLY SPEAKING!

I hope everyone had a nice Easter. We hid eggs outside and Natalia woke us up at 4am. Awesome...

This months meeting is important, planning for the hamfest just 2 weeks away. I'll be out of town next weekend for Visalia International DX Convention. They're raffling away a complete Elecraft K-line! I wonder if I can cancel my order if I win?

See you all Weds night for the meeting.

Until then keep your amps tuned and your aerials resonant.

—73, Frank KG6N

### NEXT MEETING

Wed, April 15, 2015, 7:30pm  
City of Sonoma EOC

## MINUTES MARCH 18

Meeting was called to order at 7:38ish PM by the honorable President, Frank Wiebusch, KG6N.

Members present at the meeting were: KD6FIL (Dave), KG6QNT (Eileen), NJ6E (Stan), K6UUW, (Jim), N7PIB (San), KJ6QIQ (Scott), K6KLL (Alan), KA2QQO (Declan), WB6TMH (Mike), W1EJ (Ed), WD6BOR (Darrel), KI6JNU (Moe), KG6N (Frank), KF6FZM (Dick), KJ6EIG (Bill)

Minutes were approved for the February 18 meeting as published in the newsletter.

### Report from officers:

**President:** Present and accounted for and running the show Again!

**Vice President:** Hello.

**Treasurer:** We have positive balance of \$1,458.53 thanks to Darrel and the tube sale. We have \$3,385.14 in the bank and again denied the Procurement Officer's request to go on a shopping spree!

**Secretary:** We are looking for net controls for both ACS and VOMARC.

**ACS:** Level 1 training is scheduled for April 4. Quarterly Radio Test is April 13. The Quarterly Leadership meeting is April 27.

**Radio Officer:** Still working on the details of a regenerative receiver for the High School projects.

**Website:** Looks good, send updates to KD6FIL.

### Old Business

**Hamfest:** Job assignments. We need help. Please plan to attend and especially give a hand in the kitchen. WD6BOR is going to have a bunch of items for a free table. It would be great if we can get the Vets Building Staff there as early as possible. Possibly free breakfast and additional incentives. NJ6E passed out forms for people who want to sell items on the club swap table.

**Mystery Box:** The mystery box made its way back to the meeting. KI6JNU was the lucky winner of the Mystery box this month.

**Young Eagles:** The Young Eagles Event on March 8 was good. The next one is April 12 (Weather Permitting).

## New Business

**N6P:** It is a go and we need to talk with Ken about who to contact at Point Reyes and what the process is for requesting the N6P call sign. The International Lighthouse and Lightship weekend is August 15 and 16.

**Next Month's Meeting Presentation:** We need a presentation for next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 1955ish PM to attack W1EJ's baked goodies! Yum!

The meeting presentation was a video of a DXpedition to Bhutan, A52A.

—Respectfully submitted by Dave KD6FIL

## ARRL President: H.R. 1301 is All About Fairness

The push is on to convince Congress to pass The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 -- [H.R. 1301](#), which was introduced in the US House early this month with bipartisan support and now has 22 cosponsors. The [full text](#) of the bill now is available. If approved and signed by President Obama, the measure would direct the FCC to extend its rules relating to reasonable accommodation of Amateur Service communications to private land use restrictions -- also known collectively as "deed covenants, conditions, and restrictions" or CC&Rs. In the March issue of the [ARRL Legislative Update](#), ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, said the bill is "simple and sensible," and she urged all radio amateurs -- whether or not they are affected by CC&Rs -- to join the effort to gain cosponsors for the measure. A regularly updated [H.R. 1301 page](#) on the ARRL website includes key "talking points" and other information for Amateur Radio delegations or individuals to use when approaching US House members for their support.

(from ARRL newsletter)

—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

## ARU Emergency Telecommunications Guide Available Online

The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) [Emergency Telecommunications Guide](#) is now available for [download](#) from the IARU website. The guide was developed to provide the IARU member-societies with materials suitable for training radio amateurs participate in emergencies. It also was designed to provide guidance to individual Amateur Radio operators with little or no experience in handling emergency communications but desire to enhance their ability to participate in such events or to simply have a better understanding of the process. The IARU Administrative Council meeting approved the *Guide* at its 2014 meeting.

(from ARRL newsletter)

—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

## ELECRAFT UPGRADE

Elecraft has announced an [upgrade](#) to the KSYN3 synthesizer boards for the K3 transceiver. Not only does the upgrade support high-speed full break-in CW without special configurations or disabling of features, it improves the already top-of-the-line noise performance. With the importance of clean signals being recognized as the necessary complement to receiver linearity, this is a welcome example of state-of-art amateur design. (Thanks, Bob N6TV)

(from ARRL Contest newsletter)

—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

# LY7A - Radio Club of Kaunas University of Technology



**Young Ham's First Contact is via OSCAR Satellite:** Eight-year-old radio amateur Hope Lea, KM4IPF, in Virginia, [made her first radio contact](#) just 45 minutes after her call sign appeared in the FCC database. The contact with K4YYL via the [FO-29](#) satellite took place on March 11. Hope's older sister Faith, WA4BBC, and her brother Zechariah, WX4TVJ, also worked K4YYL. The older siblings had earned their Technician tickets in February and upgraded to General a couple of weeks later. The youngest sibling is studying for her license. –

*Thanks to AMSAT News Service via AMSAT-UK (from ARRL Newsletter)*

—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

## THE VOMARC WIRELESS

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#### CAST OF CHARACTERS

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Ken McTaggart, N6KM — Station Trustee for W6AJF

Eileen Adams, KG6QNT — Webmeistress, Editor

*Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC—S. Marler.*

**CLUB MEETINGS** are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the City of Sonoma Police Department EOC 175 1<sup>st</sup> St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

**WEB PAGE:** <http://www.vomarc.org/>

**Nets** are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

**ACS** holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

**PACKET STATION INFO:** The VOMARC packet station is off the air until further notice.

**CLUB BREAKFASTS** are held on the first Saturday of each month at Palms Grill (formerly Issa's) Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

Eileen@vom.com

**Valley of the Moon ARC, Inc.**

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175 First Street West  
Sonoma, CA 95476

**2015 ACS  
Net Control Assignments**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Call</b>
JANUARY	MOE	KI6JNU
FEBRUARY	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
MARCH	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
APRIL	JIM	K6UUW
MAY	DICK	KF6FZM
JUNE	MOE	KI6JNU
JULY		
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	FK6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

**2015 VOMARC  
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	<b>Name</b>	<b>Call</b>
JANUARY	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
FEBRUARY	JIM	K6UUW
MARCH	MOE	KI6JNU
APRIL	DAVE	KD6FIL
MAY	ED	W1EJ
JUNE	FRANK	KG6N
JULY	MOE	KI6JNU
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE APRIL 15, 7:30PM AT THE CITY OF SONOMA EOC, 175 1<sup>ST</sup> ST WEST, SONOMA  
SEE YOU THERE.**

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**VOMARC MEMBERSHIP**

**VOMARC 2015** Membership Dues: \$15/year individual; \$5/year family member at same address.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org).  
QST is available to blind and physically handicapped individuals on audio cassette from the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Call 1-800-424-8567.

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VOMARC: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Complimentary with Class--Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Moment, From the Database Queen**

Dues may be mailed to VOMARC in care of the Sonoma Police Department, 175 1<sup>st</sup> St West, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting.

Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC**.